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MEETINGS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1887.

A stated meeting was held on the evening of March 14, Vice-President Hon. H. Gates Jones in the chair.

The reading of the minutes having been dispensed with, the Chairman introduced General W. W. H. Davis, who delivered a lecture on "Cortez and Montezuma."

On motion, the thanks of the Society were tendered to General Davis for his very interesting and instructive lecture, which contained so much matter of intrinsic value upon a subject of great interest to all students of American history.

The Chairman announced that the Society had been the recipient of a recent donation from Mr. John F. Smith of two thousand dollars, and a legacy of one thousand dollars from Miss Rebecca Darby Smith, and of a painting of the old Market Street Bridge from the family of the late Mr. George Cuthbert.

Nominations for officers to be voted for at the next stated meeting being in order, J. Granville Leach, Esq., nominated the following:

President.
Brinton Coxe.

Vice-Presidents (to serve three years).
John Jordan, Jr., William M. Darlington.

Corresponding Secretary.
Gregory B. Keen.

Recording Secretary.
William Brooke Rawle.

Treasurer.
J. Edward Carpenter.

Council (to serve four years).
John Jordan, Jr., Samuel W. Pennypacker,
John B. Gest.

No other nominations being made, the meeting adjourned.

A stated meeting of the Society was held on the evening of the 9th of May, the President, Brinton Coxe, Esq., in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The report of the Council for the year 1886 was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

A communication was read from Mrs. Richard Penn Lardner, presenting two portraits of Thomas Lawrence (Mayor of Philadelphia, 1727–49, and 1753–54) and his wife; also one from Miss Dinah Shannon, presenting a chair belonging to Robert Burns, the poet.

The following donations were also reported: by Mrs. Dr. Leyburn, of Baltimore, a miniature (painted by Sully in 1799) of her grandfather, Cyrus Griffin, of Virginia, the last President of the Continental Congress, a battle-piece, an antique clock, and various relics.

By will of Joshua C. Lawrence, two antique chairs.

On motion, the thanks of the Society were tendered to the several donors above mentioned for their respective gifts.

The President then introduced Mr. J. Franklin Jameson, of Johns Hopkins University, who read a paper on "William Usselinx, Founder of the Swedish West India Company," at the conclusion of which Dr. Charles J. Stillé offered a resolution of thanks for the very interesting, instructive, and able address, which was unanimously adopted.

The tellers appointed to conduct the annual election reported that the gentlemen nominated at the last stated meeting had been unanimously elected.

The meeting then adjourned.

A special meeting of the Society was held on the evening of 13th of June, Brinton Coxe, Esq., President, in the chair.

The reading of the minutes being dispensed with, the President announced that the special order of business was the presentation by the family of Dr. Hiester H. Muhlenberg, deceased, and Henry A. Muhlenberg, Esq., of Reading, of a portrait of the late Governor Joseph Hiester, and introduced the Hon. Richard Vaux, who read an address on the life and character of the Governor. Upon its conclusion, Richardson L. Wright, Esq., offered a resolution thanking Mr. Vaux for his interesting and able address, and on motion of George de B. Keim, Esq., it was

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania be and they are hereby tendered to the family of Dr. Hiester H. Muhlenberg, deceased, and to Henry A. Muhlenberg, Esq., of Reading, for the portrait of their ancestor, General Joseph Hiester, formerly Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that the portrait be hung in the hall of this Society in commemoration of his distinguished public services and private worth."

On motion, adjourned.

A stated meeting of the Society was held on Monday evening, 15th of November, the President, Brinton Coxe, Esq., in the chair. The reading of the minutes, on motion, being dispensed with, the President introduced Charles J. Stillé, LL.D., who read his paper, "Comte de Broglie, the Proposed Stadtholder for America."

On motion of William M. Tilghman, Esq., it was

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this meeting be and are hereby tendered to Dr. Stillé for his learned and most interesting paper, and that he be requested to furnish this Society with a copy for preservation."

Adjourned.